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ON THE CLUB GROUNDS,

Wednesday, Sept. 9th, to Saturday, Sept. 12th, 1925.

7 Open and Handicap Events for Boys and Girls under 18, and 2 Special Events for Competitors under 16.

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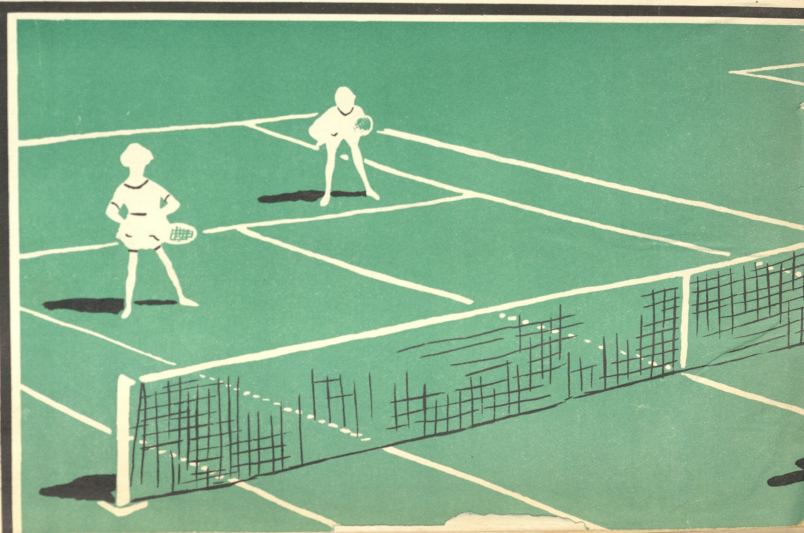


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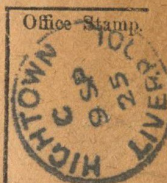
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## Hightown Junior Tournament.

WHEN the Hightown L.T.C. decided to hold a junior open lawn tennis tournament they only expected, at best, a moderate entry; but when 180 competitors sent in their names, the committee was forced to hastily expand all their arrangements. The courts, which were excellent, were laid on the cricket pitch, and the turf was the envy of many of the older tournament players who were spectators. Having struggled all the preceding week with the Beckingham twins at Southport, onlookers were now called upon to distinguish the diminutive Hansom brothers from Sheffield. There was a good attendance on Saturday to witness the finals, and among the spectators were many of the leading local players.

The first final was for the senior boys' singles (under 18). The contestants were G. W. J. Gregson and H. Aldred. The latter, who had played so well all week was expected to win, but he was completely off his game and had no control whatever over the ball. Gregson, who hits very hard, won easily, the score being 6-0, 6-3.

The senior girls' singles was between Miss D. Anderson, a Chester schoolgirl, and Miss S. J. McClure, a Scottish player, who is a pupil at Kensington House, Oxtou. Miss McClure, who has the better style of the two, found she could not go up to the net against Miss Anderson, and as this is her strongest point, she could not get more than five games in the two sets. Both girls, however, played well, and the match was well worth watching. The final score was 6-2, 6-3, in favour of Miss Anderson. The

### Junior Boys' Singles

(level) was a lengthy struggle between the Hansom boys, and some of the best tennis of the afternoon was witnessed. Both played and placed well, and at 13-11 the first set fell to E. P. K. Hansom, who also took the second set at 6-1.

The spectators found it difficult to believe that Miss O. Metcalf was under 16 years of age; not only did she win the junior girls' open singles, but she also romped home in the girls' handicap singles, open to all the competitors under 18. In the junior event Miss Metcalf beat Miss M. Bibby, 6-2, 6-4, after a good game. In the handicap singles Miss Metcalf defeated Miss A. L. Blundell, 6-1, 6-2. Miss Metcalf was one of the few players present who was underhandicapped, she could have given Miss Blundell 15 and beaten her in two sets.

Although there was only a difference of two-sixths in their handicap, there was a difference of

two feet in their size and two years in their ages, when G. W. J. Gregson met L. P. K. Hansom in the final of the

### Boys' Handicap Singles.

The play in this match delighted the spectators, and the veteran tactics of the left-handed Hansom was a revelation of what can be done by a small boy. Gregson, who is tall for his age, hit hard, but the harder he hit the better his opponent enjoyed it. Some of the rallies were immense, and it was noticed that in the end the little boy always won the point. Gregson led 5-4 in the first set, only to lose it at 7-5. Four-all was called in the second set, but Hansom, who has all the shots, never lost hold on his opponent and ran out the winner at 6-4.

The crowd then had to wait while E. P. K. Hansom recovered sufficiently to turn out with his brother in the boys' doubles against G. W. J. Gregson and G. H. Jones. This was a fine match to watch. The Hansoms won the first set at 6-4, and they led 5-4 in the second set, when a few costly mistakes at the wrong moments turned the scale in favour of the bigger pair, who won at 7-5. In the final set, the Hansom twins recovered their game and they played, placed, volleyed, drove and lobbed as though they were quite fresh, winning the set and event at 6-3. The Hansom twins should go far, as they not only have every shot, but they play them all correctly.

The Misses A. L. and C. D. Blundell won the girls' doubles from a handicap of 5/6. In the final they defeated Miss L. Edwards and N. Kidson (15/3), 7-5, 6-2, after a good game. In the mixed doubles H. C. F. Duncan and Miss B. L. Milbourn, who received 15/1, beat W. Hosker and Miss D. Hinchcliffe, (2/6), 6-3, 6-2. If the former pair were rather too generously handicapped, it did not alter the fact that they played a sterling game, and Duncan gave his partner splendid support. Miss Hinchcliffe was rather off her game, but Miss Milbourn drove hard, any balls which came back being dealt with by Duncan, who was very subtle at the net.

At the conclusion of play the prizes were presented by Lady Connell. Not only is the tournament firmly established, but the committee has already been promised four challenge cups for the open events, and it is their intention that the names of this year's winners shall be inscribed on them. The committee were untiring in their efforts to make the competitors comfortable.



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In order to facilitate the smooth working of the Tournament, Competitors and their friends are earnestly requested to assist the Management by volunteering to Umpire.

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### Event 9

	First Round.	Second Round.	Third Round.	Fourth Round.	Semi-Final.	Final.	Winners.
1	Bye	G. L. Dixon and Miss A. Gamble 1/6	Richardson & D. 1/6				
2	Bye	R. Richardson and Miss M. Haslam 2/6	Gallen 9/4	Gallen 9/5			
3	Bye	D. W. Roy and Miss S. F. H. Eccles 2/6	Baxter 9/5				
4	Bye	A. L. Potter and Miss J. Hamshire 3/6	Baxter 9/5				
5	Bye	RODONOVAN and Miss F. J. Ellis 4/6					
6	E. O. Baxter and Miss K. Godwin s.r.	Baxter 9/5	Lister 9/11	Lister 9/10			
7	N. G. Watson and Miss M. Connell 15.1	Lister 9/11					
8	K. Taylor and Miss H. F. Charlton 3/6	Lister 9/11					
9	L. Allison and Miss M. Bell scr.	Lister 9/11					
10	W. H. L. Lister and Miss W. P. Buckley 15.1	Lister 9/11					
11	T. Hardy Smith and Miss M. Maxwell 2/6	Lister 9/11					
12	T. G. Leighton and Miss O. Metcalf 1/6 2/6	Lister 9/11					
13	W. Hosker and Miss J. Hinchcliff 2/6	Lister 9/11					
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15	J. D. Anderson and Miss A. D. Sinnott 15.1	Lister 9/11					
16	K. G. Holden and Miss P. P. Charlton 15.1	Lister 9/11					
17	R. Hardy Smith and Miss S. A. Cleaver 2/6	Lister 9/11					
18	G. S. M. Lister and Miss P. Fraser scr.	Lister 9/11					
19	E. D. Carey and Miss Roby 1/6	Lister 9/11					
20	G. R. Highton and Miss D. Laxton 4/6	Lister 9/11					
21	D. B. Gaskin and Miss J. Gillespie 3/6	Lister 9/11					
22	J. L. Connell and Miss K. R. Connell 15.3	Lister 9/11					
23	A. J. Patterson and Miss U. Bosworth 5/6	Lister 9/11					
24	S. P. K. Hanson and Miss H. Johnson 2/6	Lister 9/11					
25	C. Richardson and Miss J. R. D. Williams 15	Lister 9/11					
26	J. F. Twitchin and Miss P. Rollo 15	Lister 9/11					
27	A. C. M. Low and Miss U. E. Low 15	Lister 9/11					
28	J. H. Metcalf and Miss C. E. Woodcock 3/6	Lister 9/11					
29	D. H. Anderson and Miss M. G. Bark 4/6	Lister 9/11					
30	W. Hosker and Miss J. Hinchcliff 2/6	Lister 9/11					
31	C. F. Hanson and Miss N. Connell 2/6	Lister 9/11					
32	G. W. J. Gregson & Miss I. J. Kirkpatrick scr.	Lister 9/11					
33	M. F. Low and Miss P. Brunskill scr.	Lister 9/11					
34	G. H. Crook and Miss B. Metcalf 2/6	Lister 9/11					
35	R. G. Bennett and Miss M. Bibby 15.1	Lister 9/11					
36	H. Aldred and Miss S. J. McClure owe 2/6	Lister 9/11					
37	M. Nelson and Miss B. Briggs 15.1	Lister 9/11					
38	H. C. F. Duncan & Miss B. L. Milbourn 15.1	Lister 9/11					
39	J. I. Emmison and Miss D. M. Bennett 4/6	Lister 9/11					
40	N. Boot and Miss B. Boot 2/6	Lister 9/11					
41	P. R. Marsh and Miss P. Marsh 15.2	Lister 9/11					
42	R. M. Foster and Miss P. Turner 2/6	Lister 9/11					
43	J. Stone and Miss K. M. Green 4/6	Lister 9/11					
44	B. Edwards and Miss A. Whinnerah 15.1	Lister 9/11					
45	A. Roy and Miss B. Platt 15.1	Lister 9/11					
46	E. Roberts and Miss V. M. Roberts 15.1	Lister 9/11					
47	C. N. Marsh and Miss D. E. Anderson 30	Lister 9/11					
48	R. Donavan and Miss J. Satter 1/6	Lister 9/11					
49	K. E. Jones and Miss J. H. Lawson 5/6	Lister 9/11					
50	Bye	G. B. Stam and Miss E. M. Childs 1/6					
51	Bye	H. Clark and Miss M. H. Clark 15					
52	Bye	I. R. Herron and Miss M. M. Hacking 4/6					
53	Bye	E. X. Casdagli and Miss O. Casdagli 5/6					
54	Bye	W. S. Grant and Miss A. R. M. Hickson 3/6					

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## JUVENILE TENNIS PLAYERS.

### 500 ENTRIES FOR TOURNAMENT AT HIGHTOWN.

About 180 competitors are expected to take part in the Hightown Juvenile Lawn Tennis Tournament, which begins on Wednesday, the 9th inst., and continues until Saturday, the 12th, but as many of these have entered for more than one event, the total number of entries is about 500.

Among the competitors in the boys' events are the following well-known players—Mr. G. L. Dixon, of Birkdale, the twin brothers Hansom, of Sheffield, who won the boys' doubles at Buxton tournament recently, Mr. E. X. Casdagli, whose father is a Lancashire County tennis player, and Mr. Herbert Aldred, of Southport. Among the girl competitors are Miss H. Johnson, of Blundellsands, Miss Dorothy Anderson, of Little Sutton, who is doing well just now at the Southport tournament; Miss Stella McClure, of Lockerbie, a prize-winner in the South of Scotland championships; and the Misses Charlton, daughters of another Lancashire County player.

Play will begin at two o'clock on Wednesday, and owing to the large number of entries, competitors will probably be required to play off some of the events on the mornings of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

## LIVERPOOL POST AND SEARCHING FOR SUZANNE.

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AT HIGHTOWN.

The Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament, which began at the Hightown Club yesterday, is said to be the first of its kind in the North. There are singles for girls under sixteen and for girls under eighteen, and the same for the boys. Then there are five handicap events, both singles and doubles. Mr. Cyril Marriott is in charge of the handicapping. Altogether there are over 180 entries, and so many as 84 girls are going to struggle grimly in the singles for the championship of the North. Eighteen grass courts and three hard courts were in use yesterday, and will be in use, weather permitting, all day to-day. On Friday and Saturday, by which time so many of "the flowers of the forest" will be a "wedge away," there will be no doubt less pressure on space and a corresponding increase in excitement.

### The Democratic Courts.

Yesterday was a distinctly unfortunate start. Tennis was impossible till about 3.30 in the afternoon, and even then the courts were deadly slow. Shriek winds blew coldly in a damp, miserable world. Even so they were able to take a large bite out of the singles programme.

With twenty-one courts continuously in use—twenty-one thoroughly democratic courts which abhorred the snobbish distinctions of a Wimbledon, with its centre court surrounded by a score of tributary courts nameless and forgotten—it was difficult on the first day to get a very clear idea of the way things were shaping. There may have been a mute, inglorious Tilden playing unobserved in the right-hand corner court while one was admiring a Lenglen bandeau far away. All that one can hope is that if he was there, blushing unseen, he will be in the picture framed by admiring crowds when he comes to play the final on Saturday.

### Efficiency.

It is altogether very difficult to reconcile oneself to the extraordinary efficiency of these children. There are plenty of things one could criticise in their play—they hardly ever come up to the net, even when Nature herself cries out that it is the only thing to do; they play with their racquets more than their brains, and they have, as a rule, no strongly-developed idea of tactics; they are always having to go to the ball instead of seeming to wait for the ball to come to them. All that one could say; but it would be stupid to say it. We ought not to expect, and if we think a moment we should not welcome, the wiliness of age and long tournament experience in children, who, presumably, really are playing the game just for fun.

One saw no Suzanne, no heaven-sent genius. There was, among the senior girls, Miss Dorothy Anderson, of Little Sutton, driving with immense power and putting her opponent in her pocket with nonchalance; and there were the 15-year-old twins from Sheffield, the Masters Hansom, who have both a delightfully clean, crisp style in all their strokes. But they were only outstanding examples of a general efficiency in stroke production.

### The Match of the Day.

Certainly the most delightful match of the afternoon was that in which two little girls, friends, both from Blundellsands, one twelve and the other fourteen years old—such was the luck of the draw—came together. They are in the habit of practising together, they learned their tennis together, and a stirring match they made of it. Little Miss Grant, the twelve year old, wore short socks, and if a mere man remembers rightly, a large ribbon in her hair, and she won. Such rallies they had that they presently, though far removed, drew to their court much more than their share of spectators. Though they were very tiny girls indeed, their overhead service was a thoroughly impressive affair, and the last word in efficiency. And they played with such great-souled seriousness that one could at the end almost have cried with Bottom's Duke—"Let them play again; let them play again."

The tournament continues daily till Saturday. Doubles begin to-day at 10.30.

## Liverpool Courier HIGHTOWN JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS.

### TOURNAMENT ON SODDEN COURTS.

Rain delayed the opening of the Hightown Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament yesterday. There was a record number of entries—about 180—and there were more boys than girls.

Umpires perched on their chairs were huddled up in several coats against the biting wind, and the players wore Fair Isle jumpers.

Among the well-known junior players were H. Aldred, G. W. J. Gregson, the Hansom twins, Miss Anderson, B. Briggs, and R. Connor.

The courts were sodden with the recent rain, and precautions had to be taken against slipping. One girl had socks over her shoes in the Wimbledon style.

The first rounds were unequal contests with one exception. Miss D. Gerrard had to play 41 games before she could beat Miss M. Grant, the final scores being 6-4 11-13 6-1. It was the most interesting match of the afternoon, both players fighting every point. They were exhausted at the finish, though they had been given a respite half-way through.



## HIGHTOWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

### SMART DISPLAY BY 10-YEAR-OLD BOY.

The Hightown Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament was more favoured by the weather yesterday than on the opening day. When play commenced at 10.30, the sun was shining brilliantly, and continued to do so throughout the day.

The tit-bit of the day was the game in which a diminutive boy of ten and a half years, J. D. Anderson, defeated a much older and bigger boy, F. Burdon, in the second round of the boys' handicap singles. Anderson played a brilliant game in the first set, which he won 6-1, but he tired somewhat towards the end, and after leading 3-0, eventually won the second set at 6-4.

The senior girls' singles reached the semi-final stage, and is the most advanced of all the events.

In the boys' handicap singles, E. P. Hanson, of Sheffield, one of the twin brothers, obtained a clever victory over H. Aldred, who was a recent winner in a handicap event at the Southport Tournament.

Good progress was made in the girls' handicap doubles and singles, and play will commence at 10.30 again to-day. Results:

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## SPORTING ITEMS.

Hartlepool United, at home to-day to Chesterfield, will play the same side for the sixth successive match.

Last night Newcastle United directors decided to play Maitland at left back and Loughlin at centre forward in to-day's match.

To play Swinton to-day Leigh has the same team that lost against Wigan, except that Worrall takes Winstanley's place forward.

Blake displaces Helsby at half-back in Wigan Borough's team against Crewe. Brandon is still unfit, and Moran will play at full back.

So successful was the Hightown (Liverpool) open junior lawn tennis tournament from a playing and financial point of view that the club hopes to make it an annual event.

## 10-YEAR-OLD TENNIS PRODIGY.

### BOY'S GREAT DISPLAY AT HIGHTOWN.

Evening Express Correspondent.

Hightown, Friday.

The Hightown Open Junior Lawn Tennis tournament has produced a child prodigy in J. D. Anderson, who is 10 years of age. He is a wonderful little fellow, with remarkable energy and force in his strokes.

Anderson won his game against K. Taylor in the third round of the Boys' Singles Handicap, and provided ample evidence of his capabilities, literally throwing himself about the court to return shots. He played a clever game throughout, keeping his opponent on the run and serving and returning with speed and accuracy.

He was beaten in the fourth round by J. I. Emmison after a hard struggle. Emmison took the first set at 6-2, but in the second Anderson played like a Trojan and won it at 6-4.

In the final set each player went hard at it. Anderson's back hand, which had previously been his weakest point, improved, but he eventually lost the set at 6-4.

Emmison deserved credit for his win, playing against a severe handicap.

## HIGHTOWN JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS.

### SUCCESSFUL SECOND DAY OF TOURNAMENT.

Bright sunshine and good play yesterday made the second day of the Hightown Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament successful. A high wind troubled the players, but "woolies" were gradually discarded in the warmth.

Play started with the first round of the Girls' Handicap Doubles.

Miss B. Briggs and Miss N. Connell, severely handicapped, were the best combination. Miss Connell has a strong service and her partner is most efficient at the net.

Miss Queenie Jameson is a promising player and her hard forehand drive is reminiscent of Miss Betty Nuthall. The slight cut she imparts is most effective but it is doubtful whether she is strong enough to win through to the finals.

The greatest attraction of the meeting was J. D. Anderson, the 10½-years-old boy player who beat J. Burdon in the first round of the boys' handicap singles. Burdon threw away a number of points by volleying balls which were easily "away," but there is no doubt that Anderson is a coming player.

## MERCURY, SATURDAY

## LAWN TENNIS.

### HIGHTOWN JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.

#### SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS TO-DAY.

Considerable progress was made at the Hightown Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament yesterday, the penultimate stages of the four principal events—the open singles for senior and junior boys and girls—being all completed.

In the senior boys' singles H. Aldred, of Southport, who in making his way to the final has won 48 games to 7, meets C. W. J. Gregson.

The outstanding player of the tournament, the diminutive J. D. Anderson, was defeated in the fourth round of the boys' handicap singles by J. I. Emmison, who gained the first set by 6-2. Anderson rallied strongly in the second, which he won 6-4. The long match, however, rather overtaxed his strength; he tired perceptibly in the deciding set, and, although playing gamely, lost 6-4. The little chap also played a wonderful game in the second round of the mixed doubles, in which he was partnered by Miss A. D. Sinnott, but the pair were defeated 9-6. Anderson, who is not yet eleven years of age, and whose head only tops the net by a few inches, is undoubtedly a player of exceptionally ability for his years.

Miss Stella McClure, of Lockersbie, a prize-winner in the South of Scotland championships, is in the final of the senior girls' singles, where she will be opposed by Miss D. E. Anderson. Play will commence to-day at 10.30, and, with the exception of some outstanding games in the mixed doubles, will consist of semi-finals and finals. Results:—

#### The Junior Tennis Tournament.

It must be gratifying to Mr. S. M. Farmer, the hon. secretary, and to his co-organisers of the Hightown open junior lawn tennis tournament to find that their venture has been more successful than they had ever hoped or anticipated, both from a financial and playing point of view. So successful, indeed, was the tournament that it is the club's intention to make it an annual affair, and if this can be achieved it goes without saying that it will be to the good of junior tennis. Many of the 180 competitors who took part in the tournament showed promising signs of developing into first-class players, and the Hightown club's enterprise in bringing to light and encouraging junior talent is highly commendable.



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## HIGHTOWN JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS.

### SEMI-FINALS OF FOUR EVENTS.

### CHILD PRODIGIES.

The semi-finals of four events were played at the first Hightown Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament yesterday.

E. P. K. Hansom defeated H. C. F. Duncan in the Junior Boys' Singles, after a terrific struggle. Duncan won the first set 7-9, exhausting Hansom, who asked for a respite.

Hansom regained his confidence when the game was resumed, and he succeeded in winning the next two sets at 6-4, 6-4. Duncan was extremely good, his net play being the best at this meeting.

O. F. Hansom, who is a left-handed player, beat N. Boot 6-1, 6-2. Boot seemed to be non-plussed by his opponent's placing, and he could not get control of the ball, hitting it into the net constantly.

The tennis world has another child prodigy in J. D. Anderson, who is 10 years of age. He is a wonderful little fellow with remarkable force in his strokes. Anderson looks about eight with his flaxen hair and blue eyes, and there is a probability that he will be seen at Wimbledon as soon as he is old enough.

He showed his capability in his match against K. Taylor, in the third round of the Boys' Singles Handicap. He was beaten in the fourth round by J. I. Emmison after a hard struggle.

Emmison took the first set at 6-2, but in the second Anderson played like a Trojan, and won it at 6-4. Both players went hard at it in the final set. Anderson's back hand which had previously been his weakest point, improved, but he lost the set at 6-4. Emmison deserved credit for his win, playing against a severe handicap.

Another good junior is Miss D. Grant, who is 12 years of age. She has a free movement, an easy swing and stamina. She was defeated in the second round of the Girls' Handicap Singles by S. J. McClure after an interesting contest.

The finals are to be played at 2 p.m. to-day. Lady Connell will present the prizes at the conclusion of the tournament. Mr. Alf. Connell entertained the ball boys to tea yesterday.

The results were:—

### SENIOR BOYS' SINGLES.

## HIGHTOWN NEWS.

### THE JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The four-days' open junior tennis tournament promoted by the Hightown Club for the first time in the course of its history, came to an end on Saturday, and has proved a thorough all-round success, so far as "humans" could make it so, the only disappointing feature being the weather, which on Wednesday refused to smile. There was no down-heartedness, however, and for the next three days under brighter skies, the competitors carried on with an ardour and vigour that rejoiced both themselves and the spectators.

The club ground, decorated with flags, was quite a gala picture of late summer enjoyment. The children and their friends brought their own lunch—sandwiches and thermos flasks with tea—which added a pleasant picnic touch to the proceedings. Later, tea, with cakes, etc., was to be had at a big marquee, and there was an outside lemonade, ice cream and sweet stall, that was seldom without a customer.

The Tournament committee to whom the utmost credit for the admirable arrangements made is due, were Mr. R. Sutton Pearson (president of the Hightown Club), the members of the executive committee, Dr. J. C. Matthews (chairman), Messrs. R. H. Gardner, A. L. Murphy, W. Snell, Oscar Stead, Alfred Taylor, A. D. Townshend—and Messrs. S. E. Charlton, J. H. Coney, R. F. Daglish, L. S. Holmes, S. J. Lister, G. R. Mellor, Edward Paul, W. Radcliffe, G. C. Simpson, R. P. Sing, W. B. Stoddart, M. S. Yates and the Rev. C. H. S. Gmelin. Mr. Cyril Marriott was the handicapper and referee, Messrs. A. L. Murphy and E. B. Emery, assistant hon. referees; Mr. H. Dickman, hon. treasurer; and Mr. S. M. Farmer, hon. secretary.

Mrs. Farmer, Miss Baker and Miss Clark, sold tickets at the entrance to the tea tent. The competitors numbered 180. The youngest of the boy entrants was J. H. Anderson aged ten, whose brilliant back-hand strokes attracted much admiration in the earlier games, and the youngest girl was Miss Yvonne Sykes from Formby who is just eleven years old. The semi-finals and finals were played off on Saturday when the courts were surrounded by throngs of interested spectators, from whom applause and cries of "great shot," were being continually called forth. E. P. H. Hansom, one of the twin brother players from Sheffield, obtained the lion's share for his adroit placing of the balls.

The prizes, a handsome assortment, were given away by Lady Connell, of Blundellsands.

Mr. Pearson made a preliminary speech in which he said on behalf of the Hightown Club, he congratulated the prize winners and all the players who had taken part in the tournament for the excellent talent they had shown. He hoped that they had enjoyed themselves as much as the spectators, to whom they had given an excellent time. The committee had decided to hold that tournament annually. It had been suggested by Mr. Sidney Farmer to whom and the members of the committee its great success was due. Next year they hoped to extend the time to a full week, not only for the sake of giving pleasure, but for perhaps bringing to light some future champion or international champion. If that ever occurred no one would watch their progress with more interest than the members of the Hightown Club.

Lady Connell expressed thanks to the club for asking her to present the prizes. She thought all would agree that the tournament had been very successful and splendidly managed. She hoped those who had not won a prize would work hard and win one next year. She asked for a special vote of thanks to Mr. Farmer and the committee for the way they had run the tournament. Dr. Matthews on behalf of the committee said he acknowledged the kind words of Lady Connell and thanked her very sincerely. An offer of four challenge cups had been made by residents in Hightown for next year, and the names of this year's winners would be engraved on those cups. They had hesitated this year till they felt sure the tournament could be established as a regular thing. They had had three times the number of entries they expected. Every member of that club had helped in getting them going and also numbers who did not belong to that Club. Members of the village club had helped and Mr. Cooper had come over from Formby and given them the benefit of his experience in assisting with things of that sort. He proposed three cheers for Lady Connell and Mr. Farmer.

These were enthusiastically given and Mr. Farmer responding, said they had set out with the intention of giving competitors a first class time and encouraging them to become first class players. Everyone had worked hard. All the prizes had been given. He had only to mention the tournament and people had asked what could they do to help. People from offices had offered the services of their staff and sent ground-men out.

On Tuesday the wet weather was very depressing, and one competitor, a little girl, brought him a bunch of flowers, saying she was not thinking only of herself. Everybody was sorry for everyone else. He had never seen better sportsmanship. There had not been a bad winner or loser, none showing over much joy or disappointment. He hoped all would roll up next year and believe their efforts had been successful. He hoped if he met them again at other tournaments the children would come and speak to him. He wanted to keep their friendship. He wished them all success in the tennis world, and that some of them might reach Wimbledon.



# JUNIOR TENNIS AT HIGHTOWN.

## TWIN BROTHERS MEET IN A FINAL.

The Hightown Junior Tennis Tournament was concluded on Saturday. E. P. K. Hanson, of Sheffield, was a winner in three events. He defeated his twin brother in the final of the junior boys' singles, while the pair together carried off the boys' doubles, which event was the only one involving a third set in the final.

The senior boys' singles was contested by two Southport youths; while the senior girls was won by Miss Anderson, of Little Sutton, who defeated a Scottish player in Miss M'Clure, of Lockerbie. Results:—

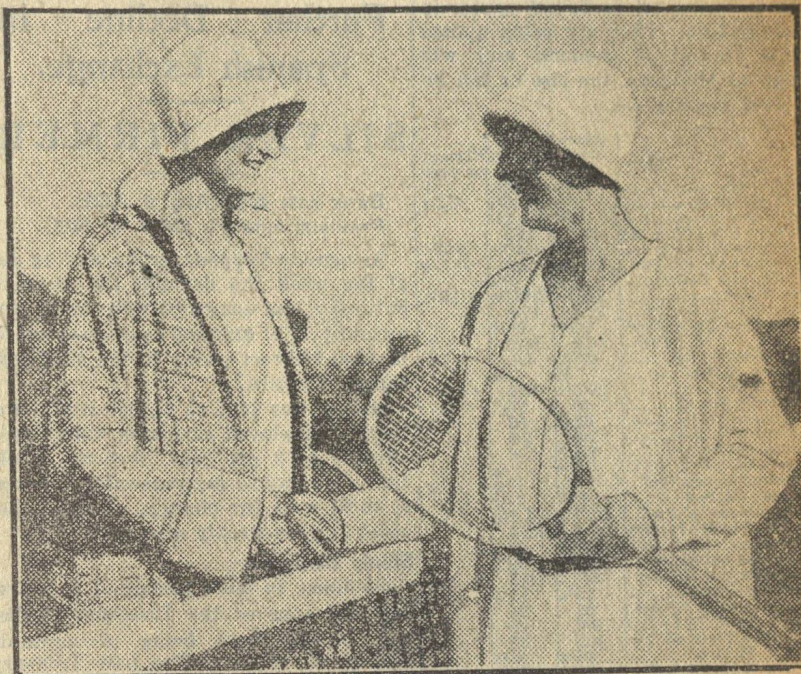
### TENNIS FINALISTS.



Miss D. E. Anderson, of Southport (right), with Miss Stella McClure, of Locherbie, Scotland, whom she defeated in the final of the senior girls' singles at Hightown (Liverpool) lawn tennis tournament.

[Daily Mail.

### SMILING IN VICTORY AND IN DEFEAT.



Miss Stella J. M'Clure, of Lockerbie, Scotland (on left) congratulating her opponent, Miss D. E. Anderson, of Southport (right) on defeating her in the final of the Senior Girls' Singles at the Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament at Hightown, near Liverpool, on Saturday.

### DAILY SKETCH



TENNIS APPETISER.—With appetites sharpened by play in the juvenile tennis tournament at Liverpool, these young enthusiasts made short work of their open-air meal.



# JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS.



"DAILY POST" PHOTOGRAPH.

The Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament opened at Hightown yesterday. Our photographs are (on left) competitors receiving their order of play from an official, and (on right) Miss Johnson, a winner of her round.

## JUNIOR TENNIS.



EVENING EXPRESS.

Miss Connell serving in the first Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament which began yesterday at Hightown.

## TO THE MANNER BORN.



J. D. Anderson playing in the junior boys' singles at the open junior lawn tennis tournament at Hightown (Liverpool) yesterday. [Daily Mail.

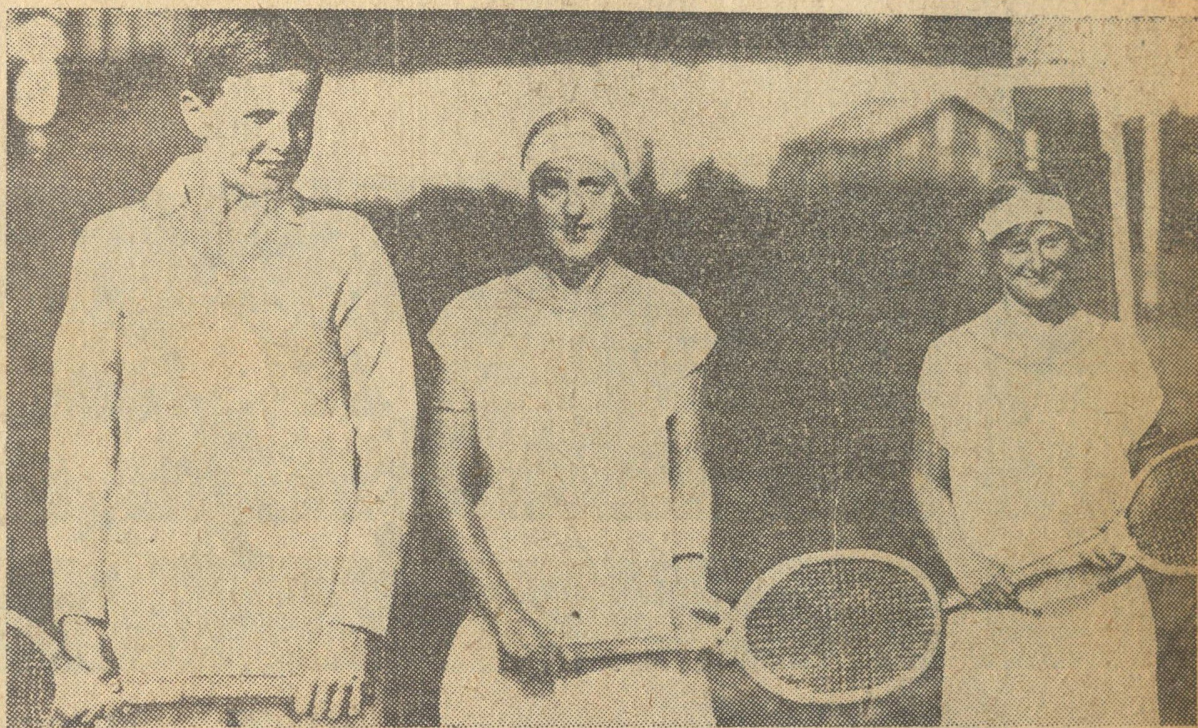


Miss Anderson making a vigorous backhand stroke while playing in the Hightown (Liverpool) Open Juvenile Tennis Tournament yesterday.—Daily Dispatch photo.



MONDAY—The Daily Courier—SEPTEMBER 14, 1925.

## WIMBLEDON STARS OF THE FUTURE.



FINAL STAGES OF JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT HIGHTOWN.—Winners photographed at the third day of the Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament, held in brilliant weather at Hightown on Saturday. Left, Hansom, winner of the Junior Boys' Singles. Centre, Miss Metcalfe, winner of the Junior Girls' Singles. Right, Miss Anderson, winner of the Senior Girls' Singles.

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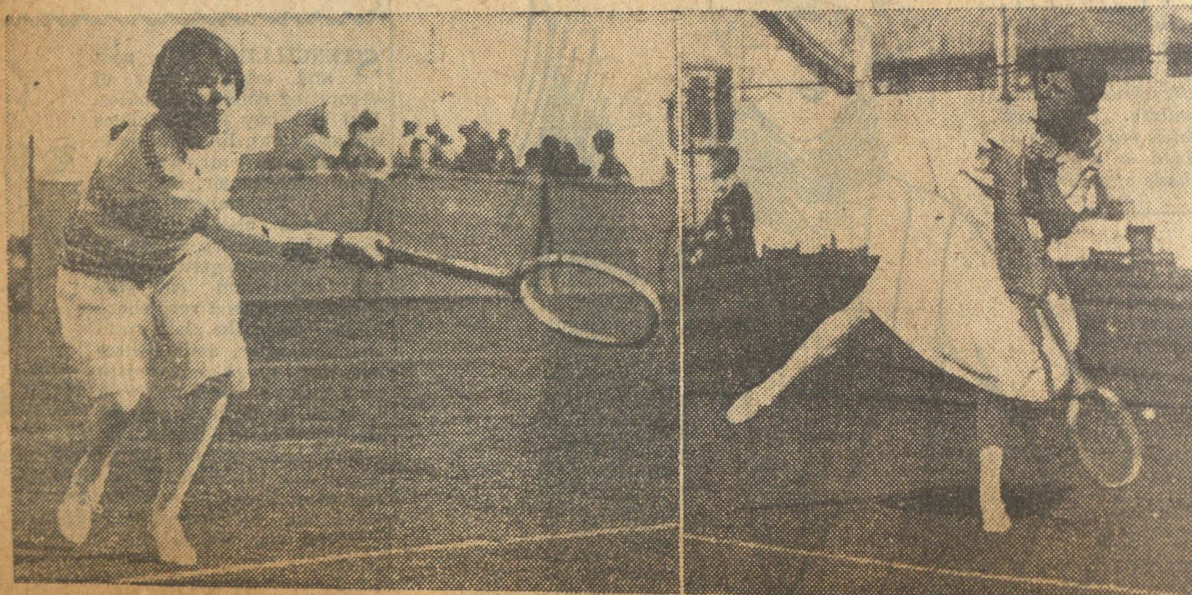
*Suzannes In Embryo Snapped At Hightown.*



(1) Miss Briggs (left) congratulated by Miss Heyworth, her opponent in the Girls' Open Singles, at the Junior Open Tennis Tournament, Hightown. (2) Little Miss Grant (12), who gave the best displays on Wednesday, and won her round in the Girls' Junior Singles. (3) Miss Booth and Miss Kirkpatrick, after their round in the Girls' Senior Singles.

FRIDAY—The Daily Courier —SEPTEMBER 11, 1925.

OPEN JUNIOR LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.



AT THE HIGHTOWN CLUB GROUND.—Action photographs taken during play at the first annual Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament, held at the Hightown Club's ground yesterday.

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## FUTURE LENGLENS.



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**REFRESHMENT TIME** at the first annual Open Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament, held on the Hightown Club's ground yesterday. Other pictures in Page 7.

## STARS OF TO-MORROW?



Two self-nombed competitors in the first open junior lawn tennis tournament promoted by the Hightown (Liverpool) Club.  
[Daily Mail.]





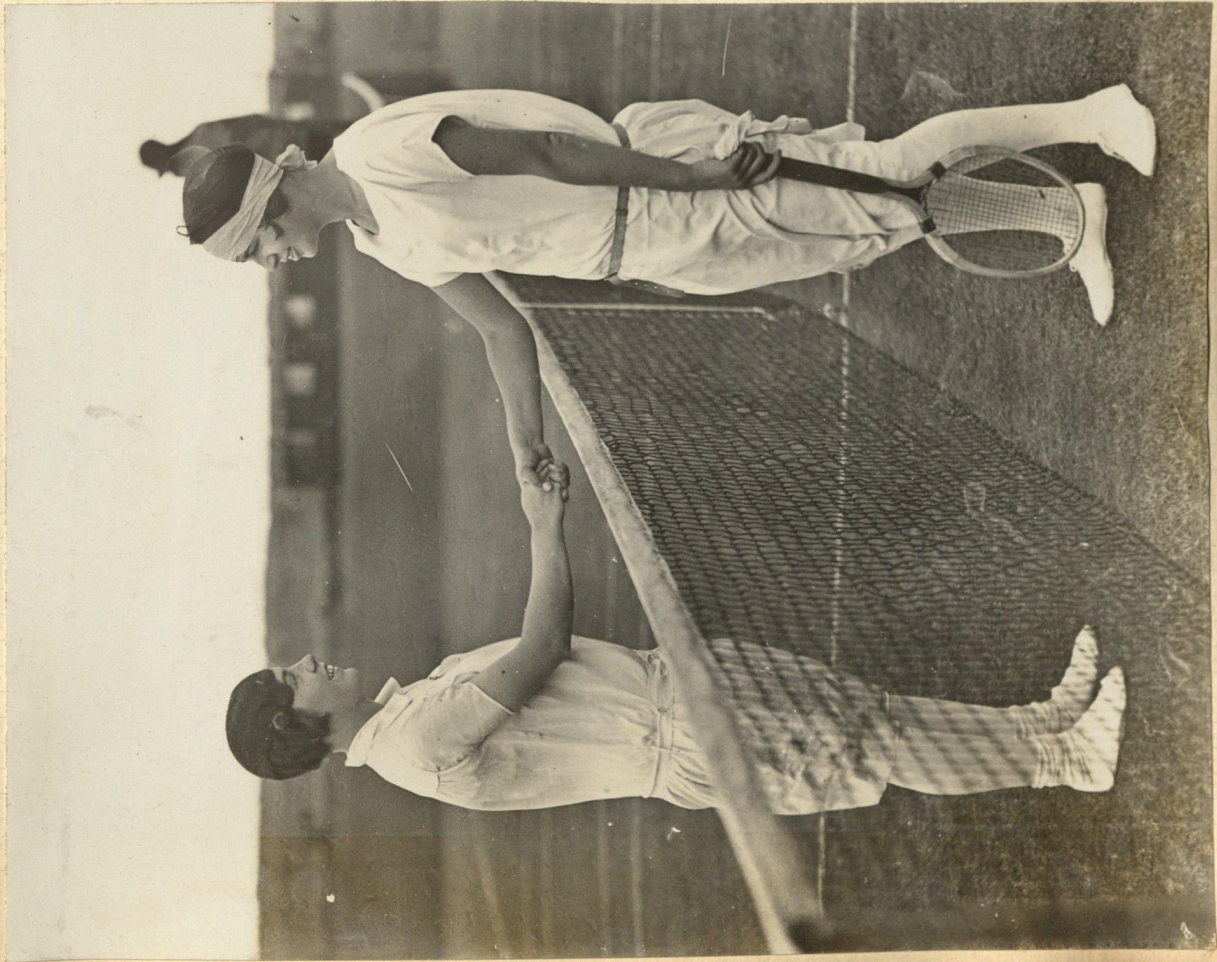
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Miss D. Hinchcliffe

H.C.F. Duncan

Miss B.L. Milbourn





MISS B. BRIGGS

MISS C. HEYWORTH



MISS D. GERRARD





MISS P. ROLLO

MISS K. R. CONNELL



MRS A.L. MURPHY      MISS FRADSHAM



MISS N. BOOTH

MISS I. J. KIRKPATRICK.



MISS H. JOHNSON



## JUNIOR TENNIS FINALS.



"DAILY POST" PHOTOGRAPH.  
On left, Lady Connell, who presented the prizes to winners of the junior lawn tennis finals on Saturday at Hightown, congratulating the Misses Blundell on their successes. On right, Miss Anderson, of Southport, winner of the girls' singles.





Misses C.D.&A.L. BLUNDELL

LADY CONNELL

SIR ROBERT CONNELL





MISS JOAN BUCKLEY





E.P.K. HANSOM

C.F.R. HANSOM





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MISS Q. JAMIESON

MISS M. OAKLEY





E. P. K. HANSOM.





MISS D. ANDERSON









MISS YVONNE SYKES









MISS BARBARA BRIGGS







### The Hightown Juniors Tournament.

The Hightown Club's junior tournament was held under the sanction of the L.T.A. on the club grounds on the 9th to 12th September, and was a success in every way. Hightown, midway between Liverpool and Southport, proved to be a very central and convenient venue, and whilst the majority of the 180 competitors came from Liverpool and Southport and intermediate localities, as well as Birkenhead and Wallasey, entries were received from places as far distant as Sheffield, Lockerbie, Rhyl, Prestatyn, Altrincham and Worthing. It was originally intended to play the tournament on ten grass and three hard courts, but owing to the large entry extra courts had to be marked, and eighteen grass and three hard courts were utilised. Mr. Cyril Marriott acted as handicapper and referee, and it was very largely due to him that all the events were finished in time for Lady Connell to present the prizes at the conclusion of the tournament.

In the girls' singles handicap 84 competitors were entered, and 54 couples played in the mixed doubles handicap. The standard of play was good, and several of the competitors showed promise of developing into good players, the most promising being Miss D. E. Anderson (Little Sutton), Miss Olga Metcalf (Prestatyn), Miss S. J. McClure (Scotland), E. P. K. and C. F. R. Hansom (Sheffield), G. W. J. Gregson (Southport), and H. Aldred (Southport), whilst J. D. Anderson (Heswall) (aged 10½) played an astonishingly good game for his age. Five challenge cups have since been presented, and it has been decided to make the tournament an annual affair, and to devote a whole week to it in future. The tournament was managed by a strong committee, which included representatives from all the leading clubs of the district, and some of the finals were umpired by Messrs. L. A. Godfree, S. E. Charlton and E. Casdagli, whose interest in the tournament was much appreciated by the competitors. The winners were:—

Senior Boys' Singles for Boys under 18.—G. W. J. Gregson.

Senior Girls' Singles for Girls under 18.—Miss D. E. Anderson.

Junior Boys' Singles for Boys under 16.—E. P. K. Hansom.

Junior Girls' Singles for Girls under 16.—Miss Olga Metcalf.

Boys' Singles Handicap.—E. P. K. Hansom.

Girls' Singles Handicap.—Miss Olga Metcalf.

Boys' Doubles Handicap.—E. P. K. and C. F. R. Hansom.

Girls' Doubles Handicap.—Misses A. L. and C. D. Blundell.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—H. C. F. Duncan and Miss B. L. Milbourn

All the handicap events were for competitors under 18.



MISS KIDSON

MISS EDWARDS





MISS D. ANDERSON.





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2-30 o'clock. OPENING DAY (Wednesday)





J. D. ANDERSON

MISS Y. SYKES





MISS KIDSON & EDWARDS



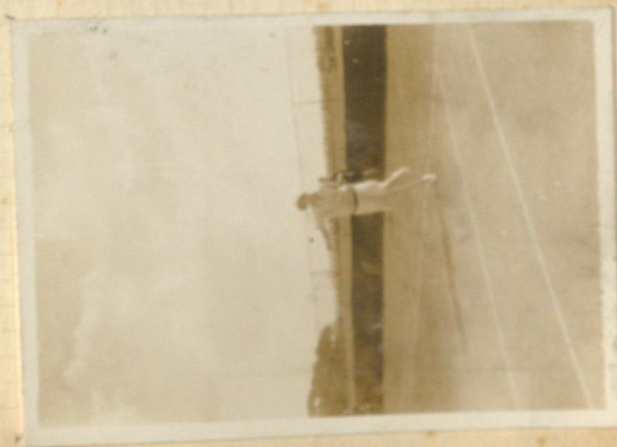
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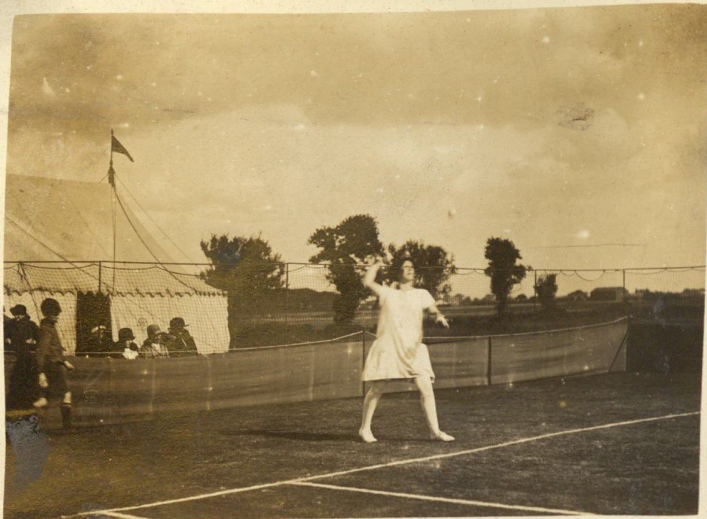
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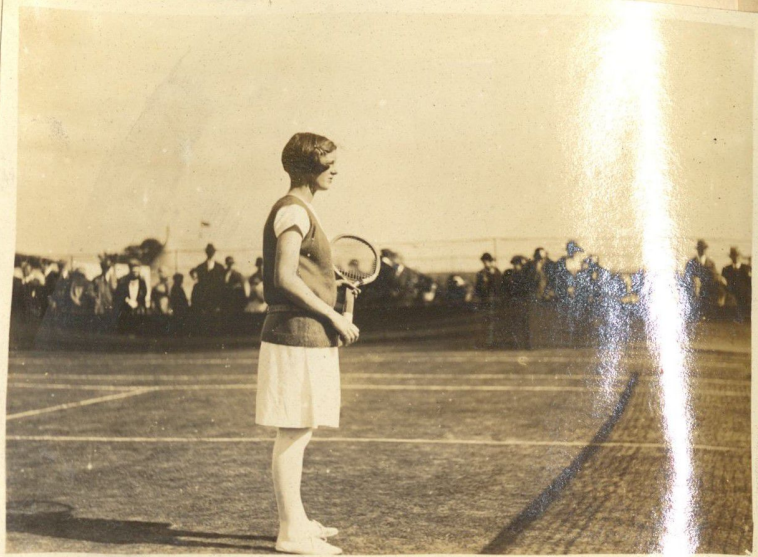
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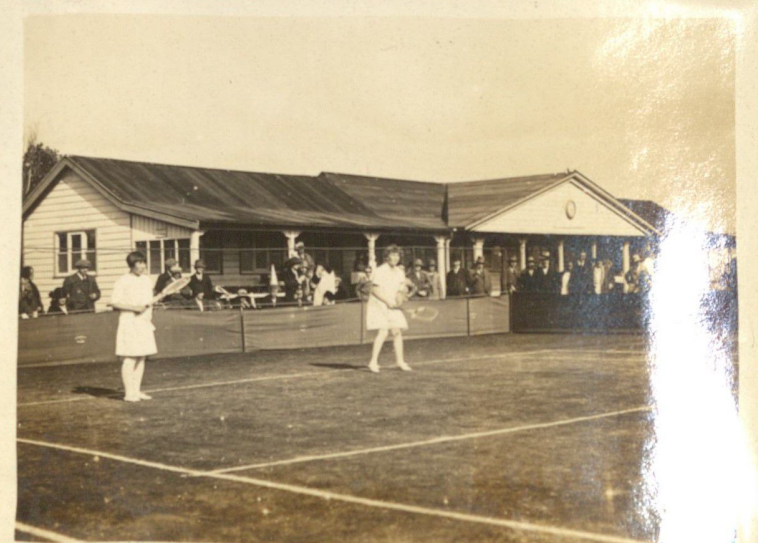
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Final of Senior Girls Singles

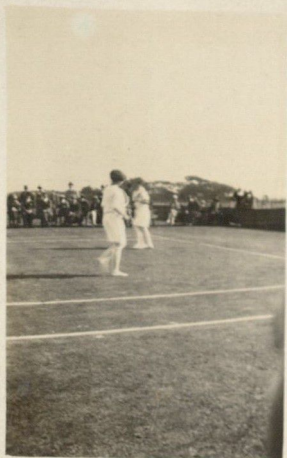


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Misses Edwards & Kidson





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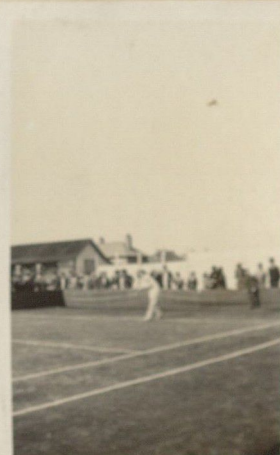
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